

List of Claims:

1-17. Canceled.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of cooling equipment modules disposed in a rack of equipment modules, the modules being disposed above one another in the rack, the modules including fans to draw gas from fronts of the modules through the modules and to expel the gas from backs of the modules, the modules having corresponding fronts, the method comprising:

drawing gas from a bottom region near a bottom of the rack;

guiding the gas ~~from the bottom region~~ to a lower front region disposed below the fronts of the modules; and

~~forcing~~ pushing the gas upward from the lower front region into an upper front region adjacent the fronts of the modules while inhibiting the gas from ~~being~~ initially ~~forced~~ flowing into portions of the rack other than the upper front region.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein the inhibiting comprises ~~forcing~~ containing the gas upstream ~~from the lower front region into the upper front region through an exhaust port configured to guide the gas into the upper front region.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein the guiding comprises ~~inhibiting gas flow~~ using a flexible plenum coupled to a surface defining an

opening that provides access to cool gas, the drawing and ~~foreing~~ pushing comprising drawing and ~~foreing~~ pushing the cool gas.

21. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising filtering the gas drawn from the bottom region.

22. (New) A method of cooling equipment modules disposed in a rack of equipment modules, the modules being disposed above one another in the rack, the modules including fans to draw gas from fronts of the modules through the modules and to expel the gas from backs of the modules, the modules having corresponding fronts, the method comprising:

inducing gas from a bottom region near a bottom of the rack to flow into a housing disposed in the rack;

guiding the gas from the bottom region vertically through an intake port of the housing and horizontally through the housing to a lower front region disposed below the fronts of the modules; and

urging the gas upward from the lower front region through an output port of the housing into an upper front region adjacent the fronts of the modules while inhibiting the gas from initially flowing into portions of the rack other than the upper front region.

23. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the inhibiting comprises bounding the gas with the housing and the urging comprises urging the gas from the lower front

region into the upper front region through an exhaust port of the housing configured to direct the gas into the upper front region.

24. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the vertically guiding comprises using a flexible plenum coupled to a surface defining an opening that provides access to cool gas, the inducing and urging comprising inducing and urging the cool gas.

25. (New) The method of claim 22 further comprising filtering the gas induced to flow from the bottom region.